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JERUSALEM FOR USDEL SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: JERUSALEM PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

REF: SECTO 01035

1. I ARRANGED TO CALL JANUARY 19 ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL FEISAL AL SALEH MUTAWA, THIRD-RANKING MAN IN FOREIGN MINISTRY (MINISTER WAS AWAY IN COUNTRYSIDE) TO CONVEY TO GOK MESSAGE CONTAINED REFTEL. I STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF NOT MAKING HASTY PUBLIC STATEMENTS AT THIS VERY DELICATE STAGE. MUTAWA TOOK CAREFUL NOTES AND PROMISED TO REPORT MY DEMARCHE PROMPTLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER BY TELEPHONE.

2. MUTAWA EXPRESSED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF A FURTHER REPORT FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S CONVERSATIONS WITH BEGIN AND SADAT (PARA 5 REFTEL) AND ASKED THAT I NOTIFY HIM IMMEDIATELY SUCH REPORT WAS AVAILABLE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY RE REPORT IN TODAY'S PRESS, ATTRIBUTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER SABAH AL AHMAD, SUGGESTING THAT KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA WOULD SEEK PROMOTE EFFORT TO RESTORE UNITY IN ARAB WORLD, MUTAWA CONFIRMED THAT THIS REFLECTED HIS MINISTER'S THINKING. HOWEVER, NO APPROACH HAD YET BEEN MADE TO SAUDI ARABIA (AS PRESS ARTICLE HAD SUGGESTED) AND THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR ALLEGED VISIT BY PRINCE SAUD TO KUWAIT. RATHER SABAH AL AHMAD PLANNED TO CONTACT SAUDIS TO OBTAIN THEIR REACTION TO SUCH A PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT: RE FURTHER REPORT MENTIONED PARA 2 ABOVE,
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IF IT WERE AVAILABLE FOR ME TO CONVEY MORNING OF JANUARY 21, IT COULD POSSIBLY BE USEFUL IN FORESTALLING ANY UNHELPFUL PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE PEACE PROCESS WHICH MIGHT BE ISSUED AFTER REGULAR SUNDAY (JANUARY 22) CABINET MEETING HERE.
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